

# REQUEST FOR BID ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES

Bid ID: 2023-SW-24

November 2023

CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

1600 Battle Creek Road

Morrow, GA 30260

**Virtual Teams** 

Bid Opening Meeting: Friday, January 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. local time

**Non-Mandatory Virtual Teams** 

Pre-Bid Meeting: Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. local time

This bid has a SLBE BID DISCOUNT

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#### Division 1

## **General Information**

#### **Section 1: Request for Bids**

Clayton County Water Authority 1600 Battle Creek Road Morrow, Georgia 30260

Name of Project: Annual Contract for Tree Removal Services

The Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) will open sealed bids from licensed contractors via a Virtual Teams Meeting on **Friday**, **January 5**, **2024 at 2:00 p.m. local time** for the Annual Contract for Tree Removal Services. Any bids received after the specified time will not be considered.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Virtual Teams Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. local time.** 

Please use the following call-in instructions to attend both the Pre-Bid and the Bid Opening meetings:

#### Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Phone Number: +1 912-483-5368 Phone Conference ID: 525 745 669#

CCWA encourages Small Local, Minority and Women-Owned businesses to participate and respond to this bid request.

To promote responsible environmental practices the bid package is available in electronic (Adobe PDF) format and can be requested by calling **770-960-5223**, M-F, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm or by e-mail to ccwa procurement@ccwa.us.

A hardcopy bid package can also be requested at a cost of \$50.

Clayton County Water Authority By: Dr. Cephus Jackson, Chairman

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## **Section 2: Project Overview**

## 2.1 Intent and Purpose

The Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) intends to contract for the annual services of an experienced contractor to complete tree removal work for the period from **March 1**, **2024 to February 28**, **2025**.

The CCWA reserves the right to award a Primary Contractor, as well as Back-Up Contractor(s) to ensure that our requests under this annual contract can be performed as needed.

The work to be performed under this contract will be determined and assigned by CCWA on an "as-needed", "when-needed" basis and will be issued in the form of a Project Work Order. A Project Work Order may include a single work item or may include various work items.

CCWA does not guarantee any minimum or maximum work quantities under this contract, and reserves the right to bid any similar type work of this contract as a separate procurement at its sole discretion. CCWA anticipates that the annual value of work completed through this contract will be in the range of \$275,000 to \$300,000.

The initial term of this contract will be for twelve (12) months. The contract may be renewed for additional four (4) 12-month periods by mutual written consent by both parties with no changes in terms and conditions.

#### 2.2 Bid Evaluation

A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive responsible bidders whose bid conforms to the Request for Bids specifications and will be the most advantageous to the CCWA. An evaluation will also be performed to ensure bidder complies with the required submittals. Determination of the best responsive responsible bidder will be the sole judgment of the CCWA.

To be considered responsive to this bid, contractors are required to bid on all work items listed on the Bid Form - Pay Item Schedule.

Prior to the time of Bid Opening, CCWA will provide to each bidder a list of "quantities", for "selected work items", that will be used for bid evaluation purposes. CCWA will multiply the unit cost for each "selected work item" by the "quantity" to establish an "extended" amount. The addition of all "extended" amounts will determine the "Total bid amount". To obtain a copy of the "Selected"

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Work Items List" bidders must send an email to ccwa\_procurement@ccwa.us by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024. Upon request, the Selected Work Item List will be provided shortly before the Bid Opening time.

Note that not all "work items" as shown on the Bid Form - Pay Item Schedule will be used in the bid evaluation process. Work items on the Bid Form - Pay Item Schedule not used in the award evaluation process will be examined by the CCWA to ensure that the units prices are in line with comparable items contained in this bid and that any unit price that appears to be out of line may be used by the CCWA as a basis of denial/award of the particular bid, and/or the unit price may be negotiated by CCWA. This determination will be at the sole discretion of CCWA.

#### Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) bid discount:

This procurement has a SLBE bid discount <u>for evaluation purposes only</u>, which will be given to CCWA certified SLBE primes only. For more details, please refer to Division 2, Section 8 of this bid package.

#### 2.3 Addendum

Bidders may submit questions regarding this bid prior to the bid opening. To be considered for formal responses, all questions must be received via email to CCWA\_Procurement@ccwa.us no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. All responses to bidders' questions will be issued in the form of an Addendum via email. All addenda issued shall become part of the Bid Documents.

#### Section 1: Instructions to Bidders

These instructions are to be followed by every entity proposing to provide the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) with goods and/or services. These instructions constitute an integral part of the bid, and any Bidder agrees that tender of a bid constitutes acknowledgment and acceptance of its obligation to adhere to these instructions, which are to be incorporated into and considered part of any contract the Bidder ultimately executes with the CCWA.

- If there is any question whatsoever regarding any portion of the specifications, it shall be the Bidder's responsibility to seek clarification immediately from the CCWA, as early as possible prior to the bid opening. Regarding public works projects, requests for interpretations of specifications must be made in writing to the department proposing out the project not later than five (5) days prior to receipt of bids.
- 2. Unless it is otherwise stated in the bid documents, it shall be the responsibility of the bidder to inform itself as to all conditions of the work site and to make and take account thereof in calculating and submitting its bid. Documents may be made available by the CCWA during the bidding process; no warranty of accuracy is made in regard to these documents, and it is the responsibility of the bidder to make its own investigations as to the nature of the work and the conditions under which it shall be performed, and to make its own independent assumptions as to these matters. The burden of anticipating unforeseen circumstances, either hidden or latent, and the conditions of the work site and all related circumstances, and the cost of accommodating therefore should unanticipated circumstances be later encountered shall rest upon the bidder.
- 3. Pre-bid meeting or any other information session will be held at the location as indicated in the solicitation. Unless indicated otherwise, attendance is not mandatory, although vendors are strongly encouraged to attend. However, in the event the meeting is mandatory, then a representative of the vendor must attend the meeting in its entirety to be considered eligible for solicitation award. Late entry to the meeting will not be allowed.
- 4. In the event that, after the acceptance of a bid by the Board of Directors of the CCWA, any unsuccessful bidder wishes to contest such action, a written "Notice of Contest" must be filed with the General Manager no later than close of business on the 5th business day after the selection of successful bidder by the Board. Failure to timely file such notice shall forever preclude the filing of a contest of the award, or any civil action in the courts of the State of Georgia or of the United States.

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- 5. Information submitted by the Bidder in the bid process shall be subject to disclosure after bid award in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act. Proprietary information must be identified and be accompanied by a signed affidavit outlining the redacted information. Entire bids may not be deemed proprietary.
- 6. Bids must be made on the enclosed bid Form. Unless otherwise requested, one (1) original and at least two (2) copies of the bid Form need to be submitted, and these copies must be typewritten or printed in ink. All copies of any bid Forms must be signed in ink by the person or persons authorized to sign the bid Form. The person signing the bid Form must initial any changes or corrections.
- 7. The name of the person, firm, or corporation making the bid must be printed in ink, along with the Bidder's signature, on all separate sheets of the bid Form. If a bid is made by an individual, his name and post office address must be shown. If made by a firm, or partnership, the name and the post office address of each member of the firm or partnership must be shown. If made by a Corporation, the person or persons signing the bid must show the name of the State under the laws of which the Corporation is chartered and his, or their, authority for signing same. The names, titles and addresses of the President, Secretary and the Treasurer and the corporate authority for doing business in this state shall be listed and returned with the bid Form.
- 8. All bids must be hand delivered, delivered by courier service, or mailed via the United States Postal Service. No facsimiles will be accepted. The person, firm, or corporation making the bid shall submit it in a sealed envelope on or before the date and time specified in the bid package. The envelope shall be marked "Sealed Bid" and carry the bid title, Contractor's License Number and date and time of opening as set forth in the bid package. The envelope shall also bear the name of the party making the bid and the party's address. Address bids to Clayton County Water Authority, 1600 Battle Creek Road, Morrow, Georgia, 30260. Even if a bid is not submitted, the bid form should be returned signed and with an explanation, otherwise the result will be deletion from the mailing list.
- 9. If published price books are a part of your bid, one price book must be included with your bid Form, and the successful Bidder is required to furnish additional current price books after award of the bid.
- 10. Alterations to the documents are strictly prohibited and shall result in automatic disqualification of the Bidder's bid. If there are "exceptions" to the specifications or comments to any of the solicitation requirements or other language, then the bidder

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may ask questions regarding those requirements or submit additional documentation as to the variation from the specifications but may not alter any of the language contained in the solicitation.

- 11. In the case of goods, the person, firm or corporation making the bid may propose all items. All items may be considered separately, at the discretion of the CCWA.
- 12. Bids for public works whose price exceeds \$100,000.00 must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or acceptable bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid.
- 13. Bidders for construction contracts where the laws of Georgia or the United States of America require a license in order to perform such construction must list the license number and class on the face of the bid envelope and must enclose copies of any required license with the bid.
- 14. When public work is let out for bid, no person shall prevent or attempt to prevent competition in such bid. Such Bidders must make an oath filed with the officer who makes payments under the contract that they have not prevented or attempted to prevent competition in the bid process. Such oath must be signed by: if a partnership, all partners and any officer or agent or other person who acted on the partnership's behalf during the bid process; if a corporation, all officers, agents, or other persons who acted for the corporation in the bid process.
- 15. Bids shall not be withdrawn or cancelled by the bidder past the bid opening date and time. The bidder may make modifications/corrections to the bid by submitting a corrected seal bid but only if the change is prior to the bid opening. The corrected document should be clearly marked that it supersedes the bid originally submitted. No modification or corrections will be allowed subsequent to the bid opening.
- 16. By tendering a bid, a Bidder agrees to leave the bid open for acceptance by the CCWA for ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.
- 17. By tendering a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder has carefully examined these instructions and the terms and specifications applicable to and made a part of the bid. The Bidder further certifies that the prices shown in any schedule of items on which the Bidder is proposing are in accordance with the conditions, terms and specifications of the bid and that they are aware that any exception taken thereto may disqualify the bid. Bidders are required to inform themselves fully as to the availability of materials and the conditions relating to construction and labor under which any work will be or is now being performed. No error or misjudgment nor any

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lack of information on local conditions, general laws or regulations on the part of the Bidder shall merit withdrawal of the bid.

- 18. Copies of all communication pertaining to bids must be sent to the CCWA Procurement and Compliance Section.
- 19. The purpose of this bid is to establish contract prices. Unit price extension and net total must be shown if applicable. Cash discounts should be indicated separately. Any applicable sales taxes should be included in the unit prices for all materials to be provided by the successful Bidder.
- 20. Bidders are hereby notified and agree by submission of a bid Form that if additional items not listed in the bid Form become necessary and require unit prices not established by the bid Form, the unit prices of such items shall be negotiated and shall be directly proportional to the established unit prices of similar items in the bid Form.
- 21. All prices on goods shall be for delivery, our destination, f.o.b. freight prepaid Jonesboro, Georgia, and/or Morrow, Georgia, unless otherwise shown. Any deliveries shall be made as needed and requested throughout the contract period.
- 22. Quantities when shown are estimates only, based on anticipated needs. The CCWA reserves the right to purchase more or less based on actual need at contract price. If a Bidder intends to offer minimum or maximum shipment quantities, such intent and such quantities should be specified on the bid Form. Otherwise, none will be assumed.
- 23. The time for completion of the work is stated in the bid Form. Failure to complete the work within this period shall result in payment to the CCWA of liquidated damages in an amount provided for by contract for each calendar day in excess of the Contract time.
- 24. The Bidder must employ such methods and means in carrying out the work as will not cause any interruption of or interference with any other Bidder.
- 25. The successful Bidder must comply with the applicable Risk Management Requirements prior to beginning performance, and during the contract period.
- 26. The Contract between the CCWA and the Bidder shall be executed on a form provided by CCWA and will be subject to all requirements of the contract documents (which include but may not be limited to the Contract, these instructions,

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any Purchase Orders, and the Risk Management Requirements), and shall form a binding contract between the contracting parties.

- 27. Failure to execute the Contract, any required Surety Performance and Payment Bonds, or to furnish any required satisfactory proof of carriage of required insurance within ten (10) days from the date of notice of award of the Contract shall be just cause for the annulment of the award and for forfeiture of the bid guaranty to the CCWA, not as a penalty, but in liquidation of damages sustained. At the discretion of the CCWA, the award may then be made to the next lowest responsible vendor, or the work may be re-advertised or constructed by the CCWA.
- 28. Any Contract and Contract Bonds shall be executed in duplicate.
- 29. Award of this bid shall be by action of the CCWA Board at its regular monthly meeting.
- 30. The CCWA reserves the right, with or without notice or cause, to accept any bid regardless of the cost thereof; to reject any bid, or any number of bids; to negotiate with any Bidder for a reduction of or alterations in its bid; to reject all bids and to call for additional bids upon the same or different invitations to bid, plans or specifications; to be sole judge, in its discretion, on all questions as to whether or not a bid complies with the invitation to bid, the plans or the specifications, and as to the solvency and sufficiency of any and all sureties on all bonds.
- 31. The apparent low bid for goods shall be considered to be the lowest aggregate total price of specified products at their unit prices times the estimated required quantities of these specified products.
- 32. Bids received from two (2) or more vendors that are identical in price, delivery and meet the requirements of the bid specifications shall be awarded on the following basis:
  - a. The bid submitted by a vendor who does not have a documented negative vendor performance record.
  - b. The bid submitted by a vendor who is located within Clayton County.
  - c. The bid submitted by a vendor who is certified by our Small Local Business Enterprise Program.
  - d. If the tie bids meet all the above criteria, and it is not in CCWA's best interest (at its sole discretion) to split the award, the bid award is based on the toss of a coin by CCWA staff in a public session. The vendors involved will be invited

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to attend the coin toss at a stated date and time. One or more witnesses from both CCWA Procurement and the Request Department may be present. A simple coin toss (called by the vendor listed first in the alphabet) will break the tie and decide the award.

- 33. While price is the prime criteria, and the CCWA intends to purchase at the lowest responsible bid available, price shall not be the sole criteria utilized by the CCWA in evaluating the bid package submitted. The following criteria shall also be utilized by the CCWA in determining the lowest responsible bid:
  - a. Ability of bidder to perform in the time frame needed by the CCWA.
  - b. Reputation of the bidder in its industry.
  - c. Reasonableness of the bid in relation to anticipated costs.
  - d. Ongoing relationships with the CCWA based on above-average prior performance of work with CCWA.
  - e. Preference for local vendors where there is no significant variance in price or service.
- 34. Bidders are notified that CCWA reserves the right except in the case of public works contracts to include among the factors considered in awarding the contract the proximity of each Bidder's place of business to any affected Authority facility. CCWA further reserves the right to award the contract to a Bidder other then the Bidder offering the lowest price where: (a) the difference in price between the low Bidder and the preferred Bidder is nominal: and (b) CCWA's Board determines that the preferred bid provides the most cost-effective option due to the closer proximity of the preferred Bidder's place of business to the affected Authority facility or facilities. In such a situation, by responding to this bid, the Bidder waives any cause of action against CCWA for frustration of bid or under any similar legal theory; furthermore, the Bidder agrees to pay all costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees, incurred by CCWA in defending against any such claim.
- 35. It is the policy of the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) to promote award of sub-agreements for goods and/or services to qualified minority and women-owned businesses. Bidders are encouraged to solicit minority and women-owned businesses whenever they are potential sources.
- 36. Bidders are encouraged to utilize the services and assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and the office of the Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). These agencies can provide

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assistance in securing the names of qualified minority and women-owned businesses. Additionally, it is encouraged that bidders access certified Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) vendors from Clayton County, DeKalb County, and City of Atlanta.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) has established a list of qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Information is available online under the tab for "Directories", link for "UCP Directory - Excel" at: http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Business/DBE.

The successful Bidder will be asked to provide, along with his Request for Payment each month a list of qualified SLBE and MBE/WBE businesses utilized on this Project.

#### **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2006**

37. Pursuant to the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act of 2006, the successful Contractor understands and agrees that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A.13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-02 are conditions of this bid and contract document. The Contractor further agrees that such compliance shall be attested by the Contractor and any of his Subcontractors by execution of the appropriate Affidavit and Agreement included after the Agreement Form of these documents.

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The Contractor will provide minimum insurance coverage and limits as per the following:

The Contractor will file with the Authority Certificates of Insurance, certifying the required insurance coverage and stating that each policy has been endorsed to provide a minimum of thirty (30) day advance written notice to the Authority in the event of cancellation, material change, or nonrenewal of policies required under the contract to the Authority. All bonds and insurance coverage must be placed with an insurance company approved by Authority Management, licensed or approved to do business in the State of Georgia, and rated Secure ("A-", "VII" or better) by A.M. Best's Insurance Guide throughout the duration of the contract. The letter denotes the company's financial strength, and the Roman numeral represents the financial size of the carrier. Worker's Compensation self-insurance for individual Contractors must be approved by the Worker's Compensation Board, State of Georgia and/or Self-Insurance pools approved by the Insurance Commissioner, State of Georgia. The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Authority, its elected or appointed officers, officials, agents, authorized volunteers and employees for losses paid under the terms of this policy which arise from work performed by the Named Insured for the Authority, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the Authority has received a waiver of subrogation from the insurer.

As the risk management requirements herein are minimum required insurance coverage and limits, the risk management director may require additional and/or increase in coverage and limits driven by the complexity of the relevant contract.

Authority requires insurance on an "occurrence" basis whenever possible. Policies written on a "claims made" basis (e.g. cyber, professional liability and pollution liability) require the inclusion of the following provisions:

- (a) The retroactive date must be shown on the certificate of insurance (or provided a copy of the declarations page showing it).
- (b) Insurance must be maintained for at least two (2) years after completion of the work and/or contract.
- (c) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed after the work has been completed and/or the contract has ended, the contractor must purchase the extended reporting period for at least two (2) years.

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#### **ALL CONTRACTS**

Worker's Compensation Worker's Compensation coverage on a statutory basis for the State of Georgia with an Employer's Liability MINIMUM limits of \$500,000 bodily injury for each Accident, \$500,000 bodily injury for each Disease, and \$500,000 bodily injury by Disease for each Employee. Disease \$100,000 each employee, \$500,000 Disease policy limit. If any work is performed out of state including any remote worker, then those states must be covered as well. If there is an exposure of injury to any contractors or providers to any maritime exposures then coverage shall include the appropriate endorsements such as USL&H (United States Longshore and Harbor Workers Comp Act), Jones Act or other federal statutes.

Automobile Liability – Automobile liability required for all contracts except for products or services that are remote only or are delivered by professional delivery service. ISO policy form CA0001 or its equivalent liability coverage. Coverage shall be included for any owned, leased, hired, or non-owned autos (ISO symbol 1 is preferred). For any contracts involving the transportation of hazardous materials, limited pollution endorsement ISO form CA9948 or its equivalent shall be on the policy. Sole proprietors shall provide the same limits as stated above via a personal auto policy plus an umbrella. Uninsured motorist coverage should be equal to the per occurrence limit except for contracts with other governmental entities.

Commercial General Liability - Coverage to be provided on "occurrence" not "claims made" basis. The coverage is to include Contractual liability, Per Project Limit of Liability, losses Explosion, Collapse caused by Underground ("xcu") perils, the "Clayton County Water Authority" is to be added as an Additional Insured Products and Completed and Operations coverage is to be maintained for

#### **AS APPLICABLE**

**Crime Liability** – Crime Liability required for all contracts involving any use, care, custody, or control of any cash, money, securities, and/or wire transfers. Any use of crypto currencies must be pre-approved by the risk management department.

Cyber Liability – Cyber Liability required for all software, computer hardware installation, data access, data integrations, data usage, cloud storage, SaaS, and or technology related contracts. Coverage shall include the minimum: Information Security & Privacy Liability, Regulatory Fines and Penalties, Payment Card Industry (PCI) – if credit cards and/or banking information is obtained or accessed, and Ransomware. Since cyber insurance policies are written on a claims made basis insurance must be maintained for at least two (2) years after completion of the work and/or contract.

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) – Professional Liability required for all professional service contracts. This shall include any consultants, medical, legal, technical, insurance agents, or other professions that require proper licenses.

**Terrorism Liability** – Terrorism Liability required on specific contracts stated by the risk management department including but not limited to: 1) all contracts involving access or use of any water, gas, electric utilities shall require third parties to have TRIA and third-party liability limits of at least \$5,000,000; and 2) all special events that are highly visible, politically sensitive, or have more than 1,000 attendees should require at least \$1,000,000 of terrorism liability for any event sponsors.

**Aviation Liability -** required for all Drones/UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), general aviation contracts, and Fixed base

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three (3) years following completion of work. The general aggregate and products & completed operations aggregate should be at least twice the minimum required occurrence limit. Policy shall be written on an Insurance Services Office (ISO) industry form CG0001 2010 or newer. Contracts involving any youths or children under 18 should also be required to provide proof of coverage for sexual abuse & molestation coverage that it is either; clearly not excluded on the general liability or purchased as a stand-alone policy. Should the coverage be on a claims-made basis, insurance should remain in force for the life of the contract and up to the date to which the voungest youth/child at the start of the contract turns age 18 plus two years.

operators (FBO). Coverage should include owned, hired, and non-owned aircraft/ aviation.

**Liquor Liability** –required for all third-party services and contracts involving selling, distributing, or serving alcohol. Coverage should be full liquor liability and not "host" liquor if it is being sold.

Sexual Abuse & Molestation Liability – required for all contracts and services involving youths, children, special needs, or senior citizens. Must be maintained for at least two (2) years after completion of the work and/or contract.

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## **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Commercial General)**:

\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$2,000,000	Products & Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	Personal & Advertising Injury
\$500,000	Damages to Premises/Fire Legal
\$5,000	Medical Payments

## **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Automobile):**

\$1,000,000	Combined Single Limit OR
\$500,000	Per Person
\$500,000	Per Occurrence
\$100,000	Property Damage
\$1,000	Medical Payments

#### **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Crime):**

\$1,000,000	Employee Dishonesty
\$1,000,000	Funds Transfer Fraud
\$100,000	Money & Securities
\$1,000,000	Computer Crime
\$100,000	Social Engineering or its equivalent

## **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Cyber):**

\$1,000,000	Each Claim/Wrongful Act
\$2,000,000	Annual Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Business Interruption
\$1,000,000	Data Recovery
\$500,000	Cyber Extortion Expenses
\$50,000	Cyber Extortion/Ransom Payments

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#### **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Aviation):**

\$5,000,000 Each Occurrence \$1,000,000 Automobile Liability \$1,000,000 Pollution Liability (FBOs Only)

#### **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Liquor):**

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 General Aggregate

## **LIMITS OF LIABILITY (Sexual Abuse & Molestation):**

\$1,000,000 Each Claim/Wrongful Act \$2,000,000 General Aggregate

**Umbrella and/or Excess Liability** – The umbrella or Excess Liability Policy may be used to combine with underlying policies to obtain the limits required. The Management of the Authority may elect to require higher limits. Underlying coverage shall be General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Employers Liability (Workers Compensation). Concurrent policy dates with primary liability policies except for workers compensation.

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## **Section 3: Required Bid Submittals**

## 3.1 Bid Submittal Requirements:

The following items are required to be included as part of the bid submittal. Failure to provide any of these items may result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.

Α.	Bid Form – Bidders must submit their completed and signed Bid Form.	
В.	Bidder Qualification Information Form, including References.	
C.	Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act of 2006 form.	
D.	Contractor Affidavit and Agreement form.	
E.	Subcontractor Affidavit form.	
	If a Contractor/Subcontractor will not be performing any services under this contract, the Contractor/company submitting the bid MUST also complete, sign, date, and have both Affidavit forms notarized and make proper notation of "N/A" - Not Applicable.	
	CCWA cannot consider any bid which does not include completed affidavits. It is not the intent of this notice to provide detailed information or legal advice concerning the Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance Act of 2006, as amended on May 11, 2009. All Bidders intending to do business with CCWA are responsible for independently apprising themselves and complying with the requirements of that law and its effect on CCWA procurements and their participation in those procurements.	
F.	CCWA SLBE Certificate and/or required SLBE Forms (as applicable). An indication of "N/A" for "not applicable" must be noted as appropriate.	
G.	Non-Collusion Certificate.	
Н.	Certification of Absence of Conflict of Interest.	
l.	W-9 Form. Company name must match the Vendor Information Form and must be registered with the <u>Georgia Secretary of State</u> .	
J.	Vendor Information Form. Company name must match the W-9 Form.	
K.	List of Contractor's owned equipment to be used with Annual Contract.	
L.	Disposal Method(s) and/or Disposal Location.	
M.	Copies of all licenses required to perform the work (if applicable).	

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Section 3:	Required Bid Submittals	
N.	Any other items as required in this RFB including but not limited to the items contained in the Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form and Specifications sections.	
0.	All addenda issued.	
A. <u>LIST O</u>	F OWNED EQUIPMENT:	
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B. <u>DESCF</u>	RIBE YOUR DISPOSAL METHOD(S) AND/OR DISPOSAL LOCATION:	
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## Division 2 Bid Requirements Section 4: Bid Form

Bid of	
(Hereinafter "Bidder"), organized and existing	under the laws of the State of
doing business as partnership," or "an individual" or such other bu	(insert "a corporation," "a usiness entity designation as is applicable)

To the Clayton County Water Authority (hereinafter "Owner").

In compliance with the Request for Bids, Bidder hereby proposes to perform all work for **Annual Contract for Tree Removal Services** in strict accordance with the Contract Documents as enumerated in the Request for Bids, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

By submission of this bid, Bidder certifies, and in the case of joint bid each party thereto certifies as to the party's own organization that this bid has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this bid with any other Bidder or with any competitor. Bidder also certifies compliance with the Instructions to Bidders.

In submitting this bid, Bidder certifies Bidder is qualified to do business in the State of Georgia as required by laws, rules, and regulations or, if allowed by statute, covenants to obtain such qualification prior to contract award.

#### CONTRACT EXECUTION:

The undersigned Bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into an Agreement with OWNER on the form included in the Documents to perform and furnish Work as specified or indicated in the Documents for the Contract Price derived from the bid and within the times indicated herein and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Documents.

Bidder accepts the terms and conditions of the Documents.

#### **INSURANCE:**

Bidder further agrees that bid amount(s) stated herein includes specific consideration for the specified insurance coverages.

## **Bid Requirements**

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BID:

The undersigned proposes to complete, in all respects, sound, complete and conformable with this Contract Document the following work for the following amounts.

CCWA guarantees no minimum or maximum quantities, and additionally reserves the right to purchase more or less at the unit price, based on actual need.

#### ADDENDA:

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

## **Bid Requirements**

## Section 4: Bid Form – Pay Item Schedule

## To be considered responsive to this bid, bidders are required to bid on all work items listed on the Bid Form – Pay Item Schedule.

No.	Work Item	Detail	Unit	Unit Cost
1	Mobilization	Emergency	EA	
2	Tree Cutting and Removal	Removal of trees 4" to 8" DBH	EA	
3	Tree Cutting and Removal	Removal of trees > 8" to 16" DBH	EA	
4	Tree Cutting and Removal	Removal of trees > 16" to 24" DBH	EA	
5	Tree Cutting and Removal	Removal of trees > 24" to 32" DBH	EA	
6	Tree Cutting and Removal	Removal of trees > 32" DBH	EA	
7	Tree Stump Grinding and Removal	Stump Grinding 4" to 8" DIA	EA	
8	Tree Stump Grinding and Removal	Stump Grinding > 8" to 16" DIA	EA	
9	Tree Stump Grinding and Removal	Stump Grinding > 16" to 24" DIA	EA	
10	Tree Stump Grinding and Removal	Stump Grinding > 24" to 32" DIA	EA	
11	Tree Stump Grinding and Removal	Stump Grinding > 32" DIA	EA	
12	Tree Trimming and Removal	Tree Trimming up to 4" DIA	EA	
13	Tree Trimming and Removal	Tree Trimming > 4" to 8" DIA	EA	
14	Tree Trimming and Removal	Tree Trimming > 8" to 16" DIA	EA	
15	Tree Trimming and Removal	Tree Trimming > 16" to 24" DIA	EA	
16	Tree Trimming and Removal	Tree Trimming > 24" DIA	EA	
17	Mechanical Bush Hogging/Brush Clearing	Areas Less than 5,000 SF	SF	
18	Mechanical Bush Hogging/Brush Clearing	Areas between 5,001 SF to 20,000 SF	SF	
19	Mechanical Bush Hogging/Brush Clearing	Areas between 20,001 SF to 40,000 SF	SF	
20	Mechanical Bush Hogging/Brush Clearing	Areas greater than 40,001 SF	SF	
21	Manual Brush Clearing and Removal	Areas Less than 5,000 SF	SF	
22	Manual Brush Clearing and Removal	Areas between 5,001 SF to 20,000 SF	SF	
23	Manual Brush Clearing and Removal	Areas between 20,001 SF to 40,000 SF	SF	
24	Manual Brush Clearing and Removal	Areas greater than 40,001 SF	SF	
25	Tree Inventory & Surveying	Consultation Services	HR	
26	Hourly Labor	Superintendent	HR	
27	Hourly Labor	Foreman	HR	

## **Bid Requirements**

## Section 4: Bid Form - Pay Item Schedule

To be considered responsive to this bid, bidders are required to bid on all work items listed on the Bid Form – Pay Item Schedule.

No.	Work Item	Detail	Unit	Unit Cost
28	Hourly Labor	Operator	HR	
29	Hourly Labor	Laborer/Climbers	HR	
30	Hourly Labor	Dump Truck Driver	HR	
31	Hourly Equipment	17,000 # Class Excavator	HR	
32	Hourly Equipment	10,000 # Class Excavator	HR	
33	Hourly Equipment	30,000 # Class Rubber Tired Loader	HR	
34	Hourly Equipment	Rubber Tired Backhoe / Loader	HR	
35	Hourly Equipment	18,000 # Class Track Dozier	HR	
36	Hourly Equipment	Dump Truck (Tandem Rear Axle)	HR	
37	Hourly Equipment	Utility Truck - Fully Equipped	HR	
38	Hourly Equipment	Boom Truck - Min 55' Vertical Reach	HR	
39	Hourly Equipment	Grapple Truck with Dump Body	HR	
40	Hourly Equipment	Shredder/Chipper 6" Capacity	HR	
41	Hourly Equipment	Shredder/Chipper 12" Capacity	HR	
42	Hourly Equipment	Shredder/Chipper 18" Capacity	HR	
43	Equipment Rental	N/A	EA	10%
44	Supplied Material	N/A	EA	10%
45	Specialty Services	N/A	EA	10%

Submitted by:				
	COMPANY NAME OF BIDDER			
Is the Bidder	a CCWA certified SLBE?	O Yes	O No	
If yes, provide proof of CCWA certification.				

## **Bid Requirements**

#### Section 4: Bid Form

I have read and understand the requirements of this request for bid and agree to provide the required goods and services in accordance with this bid and all attachments, exhibit(s), and drawings.

Submitted by:		
(COMPANY NAME OF BIDDER)		
By: (OFFICER NAME)		
(SIGNATURE)		
(TITLE)	(DATE)	
(COMPANY ADDRESS)		
(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)		
PHONE NUMBER:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
WEBSITE:		
DATE:		
UTILITY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER:		

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COMPANY NAME C	OF BIDDER:	
NUMBER OF YEAR	S IN BUSINESS	
BUSINESS ADDRES	SS OF COMPANY:	
TELEPHONE NUME	BER:	
POINT OF CONTAC	CT NAME:	
POINT OF CONTAC	T EMAIL ADDRESS	S:
COMPANY TAX ID	NUMBER:	
COMPANY WEBSIT	E:	
UTILITY LICENSE N	IUMBER (If applicat	le):
ENTITY TYPE:	<ul><li>□ Privately Hel</li><li>□ Publicly Owne</li></ul>	ole Proprietor
NAME OF PRINCIPA	AL OFFICERS:	

**Section 6: Bidder Qualification Information** 

#### **REFERENCES**

To be considered for this contract, Bidders shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the basic requirements of the work and must furnish at least five (5) references along with proof of competency from past jobs. Only those Bidders who in the opinion of the CCWA are sufficiently experienced, reputable, and have an established business facility will be considered. Bidders who do not meet these requirements may be deemed non-responsive.

COMPANY/GOV'T	ENTITY NAME:
CONTACT NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
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COMPANY/GOV'T	ENTITY NAME:
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PHONE NUMBER:	

## **Bid Requirements**

## **Section 7: Contractor Affidavit & Agreement**

#### **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2006**

- A. Pursuant to the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act of 2006, the Contractor understands and agrees that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-.02 are conditions of this Agreement. The Contractor further agrees that such compliance shall be attested by the Contractor through execution of the contractor affidavit required by Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.07, or a substantially similar contractor affidavit. The Contractor's fully executed affidavit is attached hereto and is incorporated into this Agreement by reference herein.
- B. By initialing in the appropriate line below, the Contractor certifies that the following employee-number category as identified in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 is applicable to the Contractor:

1.	500 or more	emplo	vees

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 100 or more employees.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Fewer than 100 employees.
- C. The Contractor understands and agrees that, in the event the Contractor employs or contracts with any subcontractor or subcontractors in connection with this Agreement, the Contractor shall:
  - 1. Secure from each such subcontractor an indication of the employee-number category as identified in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 that is applicable to the subcontractor.
  - 2. Secure from each such subcontractor an attestation of the subcontractor's compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.02 by causing each such subcontractor to execute the subcontractor affidavit required by Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-1-.08, or a substantially similar subcontractor affidavit. The Contractor further understands and agrees that the Contractor shall require the executed subcontractor affidavit to become a part of the agreement between the Contractor and each such subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to maintain records of each subcontractor attestation required hereunder for inspection by the <u>Clayton County Water Authority</u> at any time."

Contractor	
Authorized Signature:	
Name:	
Title:	
Date:	

## **Bid Requirements**

#### **Section 7: Contractor Affidavit & Agreement**

#### **CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with <u>O.C.G.A.</u> <u>13-10-91</u>, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Clayton County Water Authority has registered with, is participating in, uses, and will continue to use for the duration of the contract, the federal work authorization program - EEV/Basic Pilot Program operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA), commonly known as E-Verify, in accordance with the applicability provisions established in <u>O.C.G.A.</u> <u>13-10-91</u>.

The undersigned further agrees that, in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the Clayton County Water Authority, the contractor will only employ or contract with subcontractor(s), who can present a similar affidavit verifying the subcontractor's compliance with <u>O.C.G.A. 13-10-91</u>. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the Clayton County Water Authority within five days of the subcontractor(s) presenting such affidavit(s) to the contractor.

EEV / Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number Enter the four to seven-digit number	Date of Authorization
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Contractor Name)	Date
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor	
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS	
THE DAY OF 20	
Notary Public	My Commission Expires

## **Bid Requirements**

## **Section 7: Contractor Affidavit & Agreement**

#### SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontracted O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract of the physical performance of services under a contract of the physical performance of services under a contract of the physical performance of services under a contract of the physical performance of the phy	al, firm or corporation which is
Clayton County Water Authority has registered with, is continue to use for the duration of the contract the federa EEV/Basic Pilot Program operated by the U. S. Citizens Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Security Administration (SSA), commonly known as E-V applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G./	In work authorization program - ship and Immigration Services in conjunction with the Social /erify, in accordance with the
The undersigned further agrees that, in connection with services pursuant to this contract with	the physical performance of alf of the Clayton County Water
Authority, the subcontractor will only employ or contract with present a similar affidavit verifying the sub-subcontractor's 10-91. The undersigned further agrees that the Subcontract compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to of the sub-subcontractor(s) presenting such affidavit(s) to the	n sub-subcontractor(s), who can compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-tor will maintain records of such the Contractor within five days
EEV / Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number Enter the four to seven-digit number	Date of Authorization
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Subcontractor Name)	Date
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor	
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _ 20	DAY OF
Notary Public	My Commission Expires

#### Section 8 Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBE) – General Information

## 8.1 Program Overview

Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) implemented a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program to promote full and open competition in all government procurement and purchasing.

The SLBE program provides an additional race-and gender-neutral tool for the Authority to use in its efforts to ensure that all segments of its local business community have a reasonable and significant opportunity to participate in Authority Solicitations.

SLBEs must perform a commercially useful function, which means performance of provision of real and actual services under the contract or subcontract with CCWA. Factors such as the nature and amount of the work subcontracted; whether the SLBE has the skill and expertise to perform the work for which it has been certified; whether the SLBE actually performs, manages or supervises the work; and whether the SLBE intends to purchase commodities and/or services from a non-SLBE and simply resell them will be considered in determining if the SLBE is performing a commercially useful function.

SLBE in CCWA refers to a locally based small business which meets the following criteria:

- Independently owned and operated business concern whose average annual gross receipts for the previous three years must not exceed: (1) Construction Firms \$18,250,000; (2) Professional Services Firms \$5,500,000; (3) Architectural Firms \$3,750,000; (4) Engineering Firms \$7,500,000, and (5) Goods and Services less than 250 employees.
- Locally based, meaning located and operating in Clayton County or the ten (10) counties of Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale and Spalding for at least one year.
- Note: Complete CCWA SLBE Certification Requirements are listed on the Provisional and General Certification Applications; https://www.ccwa.us. To be considered a CCWA SLBE Certified Firm, the vendor shall complete the Certification Process by the solicitation submission deadline.

To encourage participation in contracting regardless of company size, the Authority provides bidders with Solicitation Incentives to ensure that small businesses maintain a competitive advantage in the Authority's solicitation process. The Authority's three

#### Section 8 Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBE) – General Information

Solicitation SLBE Incentives; Bid Discounts, Preference Points, and SLBE Goal utilization are determined on a solicitation-by-solicitation basis.

#### 8.2 SLBE Incentive Type

The purpose of this section is to communicate the use of an SLBE Incentive (Bid Discount or Preference Points) for Prime Contractors in the solicitation and provide instructions or requirements of the intended SLBE Incentive.

This solicitation offers the following SLBE Incentive: (Refer to check marked section.)

## **☑** Bid Discount

Bid discounts are incentives that allow an original bid amount to be discounted for evaluation purposes in determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, while the original bid amount will be the basis for contract award.

The calculation of SLBE tiered bid discounts shall be as follows:

- ➤ 10% for SLBE's in Clayton County.
- ➤ 7.5% for SLBE's within the 10 counties: Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale and Spalding.

Example: A \$100,000 bid with a 7.5% bid discount would be evaluated at \$92,500. However, \$100,000 would be paid to the successful bidder.

#### □ Preference Points

RFP Preference Points are point incentives that are awarded on a basis that includes factors other than the lowest price and wherein responses that are submitted by CCWA SLBE Certified Firms are awarded additional points in the evaluation process in the scoring and ranking of proposals. The awarded points are disbursed for CCWA SLBE Certified Firms proposing as a Prime Contractor and located in Clayton County or the ten (10) counties outlined in Section 8.1. RFP Preference points will be added to the total score for evaluation purposes in determining the highest ranked responsible, responsive proposer.

The calculation of tiered RFP Preference Points in this solicitation for CCWA SLBE Certified Firms will be based on the following criteria:

- ➤ 10 Points for CCWA SLBE Firms in Clayton County.
- ➤ 7.5 Points for CCWA SLBE Firms within the 10 counties: Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale and Spalding.

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Example:	
General proposal requirements	(POSSIBLE TOTAL 50 POINTS)
Technical requirements	(POSSIBLE TOTAL 50 POINTS)
SBLE Preference Points	(POSSIBLE TOTAL 10 POINTS)
SLBE Proposal	NON-SLBE Proposal
SLBE Proposal General Requirements40	NON-SLBE Proposal General Requirements 40
General Requirements40	General Requirements 40

#### 8.3 SLBE Conclusion

A bidder does not have to be a CCWA SLBE Certified Firm to participate in a solicitation where Bid Discounts or Preference Points Incentives are offered.

The use of Certified CCWA SLBE Firms as subcontractors will not establish eligibility to receive Bid Discounts or Preference Points. In the event of a tie between a CCWA SLBE Certified Firm and a non-CCWA SLBE Certified firm, the CCWA SLBE Certified Firm will be recommended for the contract.

By signing the solicitation, the bidder is certifying that he/she has complied with the requirements of this program. Contact the Small Business Procurement Coordinator at <a href="mailto:ccwa\_slbe\_program@ccwa.us">ccwa\_slbe\_program@ccwa.us</a> for more information on becoming certified.

## 8.4 Solicitation SLBE Required Form(s)

For CCWA SLBE Certified Firms claiming a Bid Discount or Preference Points, a copy of their valid CCWA SLBE Certification Letter must be provided with their solicitation response.

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON

COUNTY OF CLAYTON	
	AGREEMENT FOR ONGOING PROVISION OF SERVICES
public existir	This Agreement made and entered into this day of, 20, een the CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY, a body corporate and politic, a corporation, and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia duly created and ing under the laws of the State of Georgia (hereinafter "the Authority"), and (hereinafter "the Contractor"), time to time collectively referred to herein as "Parties", witnesseth:
	WHEREAS, the Authority is contracting with the Contractor for Annual Contract ree Removal Services, as provided for under the terms of this Agreement.
	NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:
1.	<b>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES.</b> The Contractor agrees to provide the services to the Authority described generally in <b>Exhibit A</b> attached hereto and, if applicable, as may be further described on any and all purchase orders issued by the Authority pursuant to Paragraph 5 of this Agreement (individually, a "PO" and collectively, the "POs") ("Services"). If any services to be performed are not specifically listed in Exhibit A or herein but are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to perform such services at the direction and approval of the Authority. In the event of any conflict between the terms of Exhibit A and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.
	Services to be performed or to be provided under this Agreement will be assigned on an as needed, when needed basis, as determined by the Authority, in the form of a PO. The Authority does not guarantee any minimum or maximum work quantities under this Agreement and reserves the right to bid any pay item as a separate procurement at its sole discretion.
2.	<u>COMPENSATION</u> . The Authority shall pay to the Contractor the prices stipulated in the Bid dated, hereto attached as <b>Exhibit B</b> ("Pricing"), as full compensation for Services. The total amount of payments by the Authority under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount identified in the Cost Proposal.

The Authority shall pay the Contractor net 30 days upon receipt of an invoice and upon acceptance of Services in accordance with this Agreement. Payments from the Authority will be delivered to the Contractor electronically or via first-class mail.

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- 3. <u>TERM OF AGREEMENT</u>. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on March 1, 2024 and shall terminate on February 28, 2025, unless otherwise terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement or unless renewed and extended by the Parties in writing.
- 4. RENEWAL ADJUSTMENTS. The parties recognize that substantial changes in the economy of the nation may occur during the initial term of this Agreement and during each succeeding renewal period. Accordingly, the parties agree that the prices stipulated in the Bid Form ("Contract Price") may be adjusted on each succeeding renewal date of this Agreement in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (All Items, All Urban Consumers, 1982-1984=100), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics ("CPI") for the calendar month preceding the month during which the renewal date falls, to the extent of change in the index as compared with the index number for the month of the commencement of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, cost-plus pricing shall not be eligible for renewal adjustments.
- 5. **INITIATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.** Where applicable, an individual project or engagement of Services by the Authority shall begin with a PO to the Contractor. The PO may contain terms and conditions for adherence by the Contractor; provided, however, that in the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the PO, the terms of this Agreement shall control.
- 6. WARRANTY ON SERVICES RENDERED. The Contractor warrants that the Services and workmanship provided under this Agreement shall be (i) free from defects; (ii) performed as stipulated in the bid/proposal documents and conform to all specifications; (iii) performed by skilled personnel experienced in and capable of doing the kind of work assigned to them; and (iv) performed in accordance to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and policies. Upon receipt of written notice of a defect by the Authority, the Contractor shall repair the defect in a timely manner at no expense to the Authority.

#### 7. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.**

(a) Independent Contractors. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of independent contractor between the Authority and the Contractor. This Agreement shall not constitute, create, or otherwise imply an employment, joint venture, partnership, agency or similar arrangement between the Authority and the Contractor. It is expressly agreed that the Contractor is acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee in providing Services under this Agreement.

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- (b) <u>Employee Benefits</u>. The Contractor shall not be eligible for any benefit available to employees of the Authority including, but not limited to, workers' compensation insurance, state disability insurance, unemployment insurance, group health or life insurance, vacation pay, sick pay, severance pay, bonus plans, pension plans, or savings plans.
- (c) <u>Payroll Taxes</u>. No income, social security, state disability, or other federal or state payroll tax will be deducted from payments made to the Contractor under this Agreement. The Contractor shall be responsible for all FICA, federal and state withholding taxes, and workers' compensation coverage for any individuals assigned to perform the Services for the Authority.
- (d) <u>Conformance with Laws</u>. The Contractor shall perform Services in compliance with all applicable laws. The Contractor shall be responsible for the cost of obtaining, maintaining, and complying with, and paying all fees and taxes associated with, all applicable licenses, authorizations, consents, approvals, and permits required of the Contractor for Good and Services and in complying with this Agreement.
- 8. <u>CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVITS</u>. The Contractor shall issue a "Waiver and Release of Lien and Payment Bond Rights Upon Interim Payment" and a "Waiver and Release of Lien and Payment Bond Rights upon Final Payment" provided by the Authority before receiving any interim or final payment for any Services.
- 9. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING. The Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of this Agreement, nor shall the Contractor subcontract for goods or completed or substantially completed services purchased hereunder without the prior express written consent of the Authority. No assignment or subcontract by the Contractor, including any assignment or subcontract to which the Authority consents, shall in any way relieve the Contractor from complete and punctual performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, all of the Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 6 of this Agreement relating to warranties.
- 12. THE AUTHORITY'S ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION. During the Contractor's performance of this Agreement, the Authority may, but has no obligation to, provide assistance to, or cooperate with, the Contractor in activities that facilitate the proper performance and completion of this Agreement by the Contractor. Such assistance and cooperation may include, without limitation: (i) providing engineering or other analysis or advice on correcting problems; (ii) refraining from strict enforcement of time schedule requirements under this

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Agreement; and (iii) permitting use of test materials or documentation not performed or produced under this Agreement. Such assistance or cooperation by the Authority shall not be construed, and the Contractor agrees that it shall not claim, that any such assistance or cooperation operates to relieve the Contractor from complete, proper, and punctual performance of all the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

- 13. WORK ON THE AUTHORITY'S DESIGNATED PREMISES. In the event that the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents, or the Contractor's subcontractors enter the Authority's designated premises for any reason in connection with this Agreement, the Contractor and such other parties shall observer all security requirements and all plant safety, plant protection, and traffic regulations.
- 14. **INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Authority and its board members, directors, officers, officials, employees, agents, and legal representatives (collectively, the "Authority Indemnitees") from and against any and all liabilities, demands, losses, damages, fines, penalties, costs or expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs or fines or penalties charged by any governmental entity, incurred by the Authority or any Authority Indemnitees as a result of or arising out of (i) the wrongful misconduct or negligence, including, but not limited to, fraud, of Contractor or its employees, agents, or representatives in performing this Agreement; (ii) a material breach by Contractor of its covenants; or (iii) failure by Contractor or its employees, agents, or representatives to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation in connection with Services under this Agreement. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any bond or insurance protection required by this Agreement, or otherwise provided by Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and hold harmless and defend the Authority or Authority Indemnitees as provided herein. These obligations provided for under this paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.
- 15. **RISK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor shall abide by the Authority's applicable Risk Management Requirements, attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C** and hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

## 16. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT.**

(a) The Authority may, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c) of this paragraph, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole

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or any part of this Agreement in any one of the following circumstances; (i) if the Contractor fails to perform this Agreement within the time specified herein or any extension thereof or (ii) if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms and does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) or more days, as the Authority may authorize in writing, after receipt of notice from the Authority specifying such failure.

- (b) In the event the Authority terminates this Agreement in whole or in part as provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, the Authority may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Authority may deem appropriate, goods or services similar to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to the Authority for any excess costs for the same, including, but not limited to, all cost and expenses of the type specified in Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Agreement relating to warranties; provided, that the Contractor shall continue the performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated hereunder.
- (c) Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault of negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but shall not be limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault of negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. The term "subcontractor" as used in this Agreement shall mean subcontractor at any tier.

(d) If, after notice of termination of this Agreement under the provisions of this paragraph, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this paragraph or that the default was

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excusable under the provisions of this paragraph, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination has been issued pursuant to Paragraph 17 of this Agreement relating to Termination for Convenience.

- (e) The rights and remedies of the Authority provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- 17. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. The Authority may at any time, by written notice, terminate all or any part of this Agreement for the Authority's convenience. If this Agreement is terminated, in whole or in part, for the Authority's convenience, the Contractor shall be paid an amount, to be mutually agreed upon, which shall be adequate to cover the actual and reasonable cost paid by the Contractor for the actual goods and labor reasonably used by the Contractor to perform the work and Services under this Agreement to the effective date of termination; provided that no amount shall be paid to the Contractor for (i) any anticipatory profits related to Good and Services and work under this Agreement not yet performed or (ii) costs incurred due to the Contractor's failure to terminate work as ordered on the effective date of termination. In no event shall the total amount paid under the provisions of this paragraph exceed the prices set forth in this Agreement for the Good and Services and work terminated.
- 18. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** Contractor warrants and represents that:
  - (a) The Services performed under this Agreement will not create an actual or apparent conflict of interest with any other work Contractor is currently performing or may perform during the term of this Agreement.
  - (b) Contractor is not presently subject to any agreement with a competitor of the Authority or with any other party that will prevent Contractor from performing in full accord with this Agreement.
  - (c) Contractor is not subject to any statute, regulation, ordinance, or rule that will limit Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The parties agree that Contractor shall be free to accept work other than work from the Authority during the term hereof; provided, however, that such other work shall not interfere with the provision of Services hereunder; and
  - (d) Contractor shall immediately notify the Authority in writing specifically disclosing any and all potential or actual conflicts of interests which arise or may arise during the execution of its work in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Agreement.

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- 19. CONTRACTOR AS CONSULTANT AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. In addition to the duties and responsibilities set forth herein, in the event any work requires the Contractor to develop or draft specifications or requirements for a solicitation or to serve in a consultative role during a bid or proposal evaluation or negotiation process, the Contractor agrees to the following:
  - (a) The Contractor shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all policies and procedures of the Authority.
  - (b) The Contractor shall not have any interest, nor shall the Contractor acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of consulting services required under such work.
  - (c) The Contractor shall immediately disclose to the Authority any material transaction or relationship, including, but not limited to, that of the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subsidiaries, that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, past, present, or known prospective engagements; involvement in litigation or other dispute; client relationships; or other business or financial interest, and shall immediately disclose any material transaction or relationship subsequently discovered during the pendency of the contract or arrangement.

The Contractor acknowledges that any violation or threatened violation of the provisions of this paragraph may cause irreparable injury to the Authority, entitling the Authority to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.

- 20. **DISPUTES.** Pending resolution of any dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of work in accordance with the Authority's direction.
- 21. **NOTICES.** Any notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the respective party at the following address:

### To the Authority:

Purchasing Manager Clayton County Water Authority 1600 Battle Creek Road Morrow, Georgia 30260

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To the Contractor:						
Attn:						

Any notice sent pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed delivered: (i) when delivered by hand or courier or by overnight delivery with signature receipt required; (ii) when sent by confirmed facsimile or email to a party with a copy sent by another means specified in this paragraph; or (iii) three (3) days after the date of mailing by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. A party may change its address for communications by notice in accordance with this paragraph.

22. **ATTORNEYS' FEES.** The Contractor shall pay reasonable attorneys' fees to the Authority should the Authority be required to incur attorneys' fees in enforcing the provisions of this Agreement or in the collection of any monies herein required to be paid by the Contractor to the Authority.

# 23. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

- (a) <u>Disclosure of Confidential Information</u>. The Contractor acknowledges that the Contractor may have access to and become acquainted with confidential information, including, but not limited to, any information the disclosure of which is limited by state or federal law. Unless approved in advance and in writing or is required to be disclosed by court order, subpoena, or otherwise by law, neither the Contractor nor any of its employees shall disclose, transfer, distribute, or allow access to any confidential information of the other party to third parties. If the Contractor is required to disclose any information that it has access to or became acquainted with as a result of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the Authority with at least thirty-six (36) hours prior notice of its intent to disclose such information, describing the content of the information to be disclosed and providing a copy of the pleading, instrument, document, communication, or other written item compelling disclosure with the name, address, phone number, and email address of the person requesting disclosure.
- (b) <u>Security Breach Notification</u>. If the Contractor becomes aware of a security breach or any other event that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of information that it has access to or became acquainted with as a

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result of this Agreement, the Contractor shall take appropriate actions to contain, investigate, and mitigate the security breach or other compromising event. The Contractor shall notify the Authority of a security breach or other compromising event as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Contractor becomes aware of such security breach or other compromising event.

- (c) <u>Survival</u>. The obligations provided for under this paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.
- 24. **GOVERNING LAW AND CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.** This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of Georgia, and this Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws. The jurisdiction for resolution of any disputes arising from this Agreement shall be in the State Court of Clayton County, Georgia.
- 25. **NON-WAIVER.** The failure by either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict performance with every provision of this Agreement.
- 26. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 27. **INTERPRETATION.** The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and all the terms and conditions herein have been fully reviewed and negotiated by the Parties. Having acknowledged the foregoing, the Parties agree that any principle of construction or rule of law that provides that, in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity, an agreement shall be construed against the drafter of the agreement shall have no application to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 28. **AMENDMENTS.** Any and all modifications or changes to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the parties to this Agreement.
- 29. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute the original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

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- 30. <u>ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.</u> Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 10-12-7, this Agreement may be executed and delivered by the Parties by electronic transmission. For purposes of this Agreement, any page signed and transmitted electronically shall be treated as an original document, and the electronic signature of the Parties thereon, for purposes hereof, shall be considered as an original signature and the document transmitted electronically shall be considered to have the same binding effect as an original signature on an original document.
- 31. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which includes the exhibits attached hereto, contains the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces any and all prior discussions, representations and understandings, whether oral or written. In case of conflict between any term of the Contractor's Bid/Proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control unless otherwise stated herein.
- 32. **CAPTIONS.** The organization of this Agreement into articles, sections, paragraphs, or subparagraphs or the use of headings and subheadings are for convenience and reference only and will not modify or affect the meaning, interpretation, construction, or effect of this Agreement nor the rights, obligations, or liabilities of the parties under this Agreement.
- 33. CALCULATION OF TIME PERIODS. Unless otherwise provided herein, whenever this Agreement calls for or contemplates a period of time for the performance of any term, provision, or condition of this Agreement, all of the days in such period of time shall be calculated consecutively without regard to whether any of the days falling in such period of time shall be a Saturday, Sunday, or other non-business day; provided, however, if the last day of any period of time shall happen to fall on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday observed by the State of Georgia, the last day shall be extended to the next succeeding business day immediately thereafter occurring.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** said parties have hereunto set their seals the day and year written below.

Executed on behalf of:

CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	CONTRACTOR	
Ву:	Ву:	
Name: H. BERNARD FRANKS	Name:	
Title: Chief Executive Officer	Title:	
Attest:	Attest:	
Name:	Name:	
Title:	Title:	
Date:	Date:	

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## **EXHIBIT A**

# **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

THIS "EXHIBIT A" SHALL BE THE LANGUAGE AS SET FORTH IN DIVISION 4 SECTION 1 OF THE CONFORMED DOCUMENTS FOR BID NUMBER 2023-SW-24.

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**EXHIBIT B** 

**PRICING** 

THIS "EXHIBIT B" SHALL BE THE LANGUAGE AS SET FORTH IN DIVISION 2 SECTION 4 OF THE CONFORMED DOCUMENTS FOR BID NUMBER 2023-SW-24.

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### **EXHIBIT C**

# **RISK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

THIS "EXHIBIT C" SHALL BE THE LANGUAGE AS SET FORTH IN DIVISION 2 SECTION 2 OF THE CONFORMED DOCUMENTS FOR BID NUMBER 2023-SW-24.

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ATTEST:	By: Bidder
By: Name	By: Name
Title:	Title:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	day of, 20
Notary Public:	My Commission expires:

**END OF SECTION** 

Section 5: Certification of Absence of Conflict of Interest.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ABSENCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

(O.C.G.A. § 36-80-28)

The undersigned Contractor, who is entering into a contract or arrangement with the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA), by signing below acknowledges and certifies to follow the requirements below:

(1)	Contractor shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and shall follow all of CCWA's policies and procedures related to the project.
(2)	Contractor discloses below any material transaction or relationship currently known to Contractor that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, that of the Contractor, Contractor's employees, agents or subsidiaries. (Include past, present, or known prospective engagements, involvement in litigation or other dispute, client relationships, or other business or financial interest):
(3)	Contractor shall immediately disclose any material transaction or relationship subsequently discovered during the pendency of the contract or arrangement.
(4)	Contractor acknowledges that any violation or threatened violation of the agreement may cause irreparable injury to CCWA entitling CCWA to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.
NAN	ME OF CONTRACTOR Name of Contractor's Authorized Official
	Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

**END OF SECTION** 

DATE

# **Section 1: Work Assignment and Detail**

### 1.1 General

- A. CCWA shall set forth the work to be done and may or may not choose to have CCWA representatives present during the work. Contractor shall furnish all necessary insurance, permits, licenses, transportation, supplies, apparatus, equipment, personnel, labor, supervision, project manager, expertise, and all things necessary to perform listed items with chipping or mulching and disposal to landfill and include all such in prices. Prices shall include all setting up, demobilization, trip charges, removal charges, profit, overhead, and all costs to the CCWA.
- B. Tree sizes shall be measured at 54-inches (4-1/2 feet) above ground level. Cost for trees to be cut up, ground, chipped or mulched, and removed to landfill, shall be covered at contractor's expense. Alternatively, cut tree pieces may be retained by contractor for resale, if CCWA agrees. Stumps are not to be worked unless CCWA so requests, and CCWA shall have the work done in one of the following ways:
  - a. Stumps to be ground or chipped and removed to landfill (Item price is charged), OR:
  - b. Stumps to be lowered to one inch (1") height above ground (Item price is charged), OR:
  - c. Stumps to be left in place with no work performed upon them (with no price charged on invoice) as the CCWA chooses.
  - d. Stump removal in lawn areas to be ground below the surface and covered with six inch top soil.

Trees, limbs, and stumps shall be either trimmed and left in place or cut and removed, as the CCWA requires. For the purposes of size estimate and choice of item to use, the tree's diameter shall be measured at a nominal height of 54-inches from the ground. Resources used by contractor shall include but not be limited to crew workers, equipment operators, climbers, foreman, flagman, all hand & power tools, chippers, transportation, safety equipment, rigging, ladders, and single or dual-person bucket truck with reach of fifty-five (55) feet. Contractor shall give priority scheduling of service to CCWA, especially during emergencies to clear storm damage from critical facilities. Site Set-up and Demobilization: Contractor shall factor site setup and demobilization costs into prices bid.

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<u>Dangerous Trees, Large Limb Removal, and Large Tree Removal:</u> Some trees are classified as dangerous because of close proximity to power lines, buildings, or other structures. Subcontractors, if any, are not allowed to work on such trees.

Any tree, regardless of size, which splits into multiple trunks up to a height of eight (8) feet from the ground, shall be considered as two (2) trees. Trees, which split past eight feet from the ground, shall be considered one tree.

Stump removal and site cleanup at the CCWA's option, stumps shall be removed and either ground up or hauled off intact — whichever is acceptable to the receiving landfill. However, any stump left in place at the direction of the CCWA, shall be trimmed to a height not to exceed one (1) inch as measured from the ground. Contractors shall back-fill and tamp holes left by stump removal up to existing grade. Contractor shall use good quality fill dirt. Cut trees shall be limbed, sawn to length and hauled away or ground into mulch on-site and hauled away, whichever is acceptable to the receiving landfill. Contractor shall dispose of mulch, cuttings and debris generated by this contract to a CCWA acceptable dumpsite. Direct burial of mulch, stumps, limbs, trunks, and debris on-site are forbidden. Contractor shall be responsible for paying any fees associated with hauling to landfill.

- C. Contractor is responsible for the following: haul off and removal of tree that has fallen, haul off material, removal of all debris left at location, and clearing and grubbing of debris.
- D. Contractor shall conduct the work in such a manner as to minimize disruption of CCWA operations.
- E. Contractor shall not allow sub-contractors to do any work which takes place close to buildings or to power lines.
- F. <u>Landscaping of grounds and repair of fences damaged by Contractor or contractor's agents while executing this contract:</u>

<u>General</u>: Contractor may be allowed to temporarily takedown a section of fence or dig up and move plants in order to avoid damage. Items temporarily re-located shall be returned to original locations before contractor leaves the job site. Contractor shall replace any trees, bushes, shrubs, or flowers damaged with like kind. Failure to do so can result in payment delays. If contractor damages landscaping or fences, the following measures shall be applied.

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- a. <u>Grass</u>: Contractor to maintain existing contours in the work area. All disturbed areas will be graded, smoothed and seeded with Kentucky 31 fescue, or approved equal, at the rate of 250 pounds per acre. Initial fertilizing and straw shall be included.
- b. Fence Repair: Contractor shall stretch fabric tight between terminal posts and install on security side of fence and anchor securely to framework. Bottom of fabric to be uniformly positioned a maximum of ½ inch above ground level at each post. Fabric shall be cut to form continuous piece between terminal posts. Fabric is to be pulled taut and clipped or tied to posts, top rail, and bottom tension wire. Fabric shall be anchored to framework so that it remains in tension after the pulling force is released. Tie wires shall be bent to minimize hazards to persons. Bolt threads shall be pinned to prevent removal of nuts.

# 1.2 Work Assignment

A. Work to be performed under this annual contract will be assigned on an as needed when needed basis as determined by the CCWA in the form of a Work Order.

## Project Set-Up for Non-Emergency Work

- 1. CCWA shall prepare draft work items and quantities for Contractor's review.
- 2. Contractor shall provide comments on the draft work items and quantities to CCWA within 7 calendar days of issuance by CCWA in order that a Work Order can be issued.
- Contractor shall commence work on-site within 7 calendar days of receipt of a Work Order.

# Project Set-Up for Emergency Work

- 1. CCWA shall prepare draft work items and quantities for Contractor's review.
- 2. Contractor shall provide comments on the draft work items and quantities to CCWA within 24 hours of notice of emergency mobilization by CCWA in order that a Work Order can be issued.
- 3. Contractor shall commence work on-site within 24 hours of notice of emergency mobilization by CCWA. CCWA shall issue Work Order prior to or concurrently with the start of work.

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- B. A Work Order will be for work items that are in a common geographic location. A common geographic location may be considered a business/industrial park, city block or residential subdivision.
- C. Work shall be completed within the number of consecutive work days mutually agreed to by the Contractor and the CCWA prior to the start of the job. Unless approved by the CCWA in advance, the Contractor shall not leave the work site to complete work for others.

### 1.3 Work Items

The following work items describe the services to be completed as part of each Work Order. The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, tools and materials (unless indicated otherwise) to complete the Work Orders in accordance with the Contract Documents.

<u>Work Item 1.</u> Emergency Mobilization: Defined as the Contractor's administrative and preparatory operations which are necessary to arrive on-site and initiate work within 24 hours of a notice of an Emergency Mobilization request. The Work Item will be paid for a Project Work Order on a per "each" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule when applicable as authorized/approved by CCWA. The costs for demobilization, and remobilizations due to shut downs or suspensions of the work caused by the Contractor shall not be compensated.

<u>Work Items 2 – 6</u>. Tree Cutting and Removal: Defined as the Contractor removing from the work site and disposing tree, limbs, branches, and leaves to a height of 6 inches above ground surface. A tree is considered a tree when its diameter is 4 inches or greater as measured 54 inches up from adjacent bare ground surface. The Work Item will be paid on a per "each" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Items 7 – 11</u>. Tree Stump Grinding and Removal: Defined as the Contractor removing tree stumps from site in which stumps are removed either ground up or hauled off intact – whichever is acceptable to the receiving landfill. Stump that are grinded and left in place, at the direction of CCWA, shall be trimmed to a height of approximately 1 inch above ground surface. The Work

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Item will be paid on a per "each" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Items 12 – 16</u>. Tree Trimming and Removal: Defined as the Contractor clearing/pruning of branches from selected trees without removing the entire tree. All trimming shall be removed from the site. The branches to be cleared/pruned will be defined by CCWA. The Work Item will be paid on a per "each" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Items 17 – 20</u>. Mechanical Bush-Hogging/Brush Clearing: Defined as the Contractor removing from the work site and disposing brush, undergrowth, small trees, limbs, stumps, tap roots and other roots exceeding 1-inch in diameter. The mechanical method shall include rotary cutting, tractor mowing, and heavy-duty mowing. A small tree is considered any tree or plant growth less than 4 inches in diameter as measured 54 inches up from adjacent bare ground surface. This Work item may occur on level surfaces, stormwater ponds, hilly surfaces, and slopes. The Work Item will be paid on a per "square foot" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

Work Items 21 – 24. Manual Brush Clearing: Defined as the Contractor removing from the work site and disposing brush, undergrowth, small trees, limbs, stumps, tap roots and other roots exceeding 1-inch in diameter. The manual method shall include the use of hand tools, weed wackers, and other manual pulling of items. A small tree is considered any tree or plant growth less than 4 inches in diameter as measured 54 inches up from adjacent bare ground surface. This Work item may occur on level surfaces, stormwater ponds, hilly surfaces, and slopes. The Work Item will be paid on a per "square foot" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Item 25</u>. Tree Inventory and Surveying: Defined as Contractor providing consultation services for items related to tree services such as tree inventory and surveying. The Work Item will be paid on a "per hour" basis in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Items 26 - 30</u>. Hourly Labor: Work Items shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis. Defined as providing and utilizing the indicated labor position to complete work as requested for a certain amount of time. Only the time the labor position is on the work site and working will be considered for payment. The

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hourly rate shall be the Contractor's total expense per hour for the indicated labor position. The Work Items will be paid on a per "hour" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule and applicable Detail as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Items 31 - 42</u>. Hourly Equipment: Work Items shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis. Defined as providing and utilizing the indicated piece of equipment to complete work as requested for a certain amount of time. Only the time the piece of equipment is in operation will be considered for payment. The hourly rate shall be the Contractor's total expense per hour for the indicated piece of equipment. The Work Items will be paid on a per "hour" unit cost in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule and applicable Detail as authorized/approved by CCWA.

Work Item 43. Equipment Rental: Work Item shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis. Defined as furnishing equipment not included as part of other Work Items or listed in the Work Item "Hourly Equipment", to complete work. The Contractor may furnish equipment through a rental company or through the Contractor's company. Where the Contractor furnishes the equipment through the Contractor's company, industry standard rental rates for equivalent equipment shall apply. The Work Item will be paid at invoice cost plus a Contractor's 10% percent markup in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Item 44</u>. Supplied Material: Work Item shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis. Defined as furnishing material, not included as part of other Work Items, needed to complete the work. The Work Item will be paid at invoice cost plus a Contractor's 10% percent markup in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

<u>Work Item 45</u>. Specialty Services: Work Item shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis. Defined as furnishing services through another firm, for work related to this Contract, that is not included on the Pay Item Schedule that is needed to complete the work. The Work Item will be paid at invoice cost plus a Contractor's 10% percent markup in accordance with the Pay Item Schedule as authorized/approved by CCWA.

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# **Section 2: General Requirements**

### 2.1 General

- A. This section describes general requirements of the Contract.
- B. The Contractor shall provide all staff with photo identification and use vehicles with permanent company logos/markings/identification that are prominently displayed and clearly visible at all times.
- C. The Contractor shall provide an experienced supervisor in charge of field operations and subcontractors. The field supervisor shall be responsible for the safety of all site workers and site conditions, as well as ensuring that all work is conducted in conformance with these Specifications and to the level of quality specified. The field supervisor shall be responsible for reporting any safety or regulatory issue of concern immediately to CCWA.
- D. The Contractor shall use special care in work methods and take all necessary precautions against improper use of equipment to avoid damaging structures or CCWA, public and private property.
- E. All contractors and subcontractors performing services are required and shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and County Safety and Occupational Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations. Also, all contractors and subcontractors shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any unsafe acts or conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site area under this Contract. The CCWA shall not be responsible or compensate the Contractor for the damage to and/or loss of Contractor's equipment as result of the work.

### 2.2 Site Work

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing and maintaining a safe work site. Contractor shall utilize safety cones, barricades, caution lights, caution tape, safety fencing, etc. as necessary to protect the workers and the public at all times.
- B. The work may require access to private property. The CCWA shall be responsible for coordinating and providing access to the area(s) of work. The Contractor shall contain work within area designated by CCWA.

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C. The Contractor shall employ the "best practicable means" to minimize and mitigate noise as well as disturbance resulting from operations. Mitigation measures shall include the utilization of sound suppression devices on all equipment and machinery, particularly in residential areas and in the near vicinity of hospitals and schools and especially at night.

**END OF SECTION** 

# Waiver and Release of Lien and Payment Bond Rights Upon Final Payment

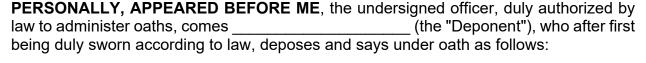
# STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON

# WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIEN AND PAYMENT BOND RIGHTS UPON FINAL PAYMENT

County Water Authority to furnish:	
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NOTICE: WHEN YOU EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED AND RELEASED ANY AND ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS OF LIENS UPON THE FOREGOING DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND ANY RIGHTS REGARDING ANY LABOR OR MATERIAL BOND REGARDING THE SAID PROPERTY TO THE EXTENT (AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT) SET FORTH ABOVE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVED SUCH PAYMENT, 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE STATED BELOW UNLESS YOU FILE AN AFFIDAVIT OF NONPAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF SUCH 90 DAY PERIOD. THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS NOTICE LANGUAGE ON THE FORM SHALL RENDER THE FORM UNENFORCEABLE AND INVALID AS A WAIVER AND RELEASE UNDER O.C.G.A. § 44-14-366.

**COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES:** This Waiver may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. An executed signature page delivered via facsimile transmission or electronic signature shall be deemed as effective as an original executed signature page.



- 1. That Deponent is the duly authorized agent and duly elected and acting officer of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Contractor"), and is duly authorized to execute this Final Contractor's Affidavit, Lien Waiver and Indemnification (this "Affidavit") in a representative capacity on behalf of Contractor, as well as in Deponent's individual capacity, and Deponent has made diligent inquiry into and is personally familiar with and has full knowledge of all facts set forth herein.
- 2. That Contractor acted as the sole general contractor in charge of and directly responsible for the building and construction of all improvements (the "Work") located as reflected above (the "Property"), all of which Work was performed pursuant to the terms of that certain agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Agreement") by and between Contractor and the Clayton County Water Authority as the owner or agent of the owner of the Property (the "Owner"). The Work includes, without limitation, all Work under or related to the Agreement and all change orders to the Agreement, and all supplemental contracts and subcontracts, whether oral or written, for any extra, additional or replacement labor or materials. Contractor is, and performed the Work as, an independent general contractor and Contractor is not an agent of Owner, and all of the Work was furnished and performed at the instance of Contractor as general contractor.
- **3.** That the Work has been fully and finally completed in strict accordance with the terms of the Agreement, and Contractor has at all times since the commencement of the Work been in direct charge of all aspects of the Work, and Contractor has obtained a current valid permanent certificate of occupancy for the Property and the Work, and the Work has been completed within the boundary lines of the Property.
- 4. Upon receipt of the sum reflected above, Contractor acknowledges that Owner has paid in full to Contractor the full contract price under the Agreement (the "Contract Price"), which Contract Price includes, without limitation, all amounts and bills for all labor, materials, fixtures and supplies of any type whatsoever used in the Work. Upon receipt of these monies, all contractors, subcontractors of subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers and laborers will be paid in full the agreed price or reasonable value for all materials and supplies ordered, used or furnished and services and labor rendered in connection with or as a part of the Work, and none of such parties have or will have any claim, demand or lien against the Property, and all of the amounts paid by Owner to Contractor under the Agreement have been and will be used to pay for labor or materials used in the Work when no liens or claims of lien were filed or outstanding. There are no disputes regarding the Agreement or any other contracts or subcontracts with respect to the Work or the Property, and, except for bills associated with these final monies, there are no amounts due or unpaid bills of any nature, either for labor or services related to the Work or the Property or any materials which have been or may have been placed upon, or applied or delivered to the Property, and Contractor does hereby unconditionally agree to hold harmless and indemnify Owner from and against all claims

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for mechanic's or materialman's liens or claims of lien, including, without limitation, any attempted foreclosure thereof, which in any way arise out of or are related to the Work or the Property, including, without limitation, any attorney's fees incurred in connection therewith.

- **5.** That Contractor does hereby for itself, and its employees, suppliers, subcontractors, mechanics and materialmen and all other persons acting for, through, or under Contractor, waive, remise, relinquish and release all right to file or to have filed or to maintain any materialman's or mechanic's lien or liens or claim or claims against the Property or arising out of or related to the Work. This Affidavit is executed and given in favor of and for the benefit of, and may be relied upon by, Owner and each and every party legally or equitably, now or hereafter, owning or holding any interest in the Property.
- **6.** That this Affidavit is a sworn statement made under the provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 44-14-361.2, and is made for the purpose of inducing Owner to pay to Contractor the balance of the Contract Price pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

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# W-9 Form



# **Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

send to the IRS. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not

	I Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line, do not leave this line blank.		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
n page 3.	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Ch following seven boxes.  Individual/sole proprietor or C Corporation S Corporation Partnership	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):	
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Par	t II Certification		
	r penalties of perjury, I certify that:		
1. The	e number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for	a number to be iss	ued to me): and
2. I ar Ser	n not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) vice (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest of longer subject to backup withholding; and	I have not been n	otified by the Internal Revenue
3. I ar	n a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and		
4. The	e FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting	g is correct.	
	<b>ication instructions.</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that your failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2		

acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

# U.S. person ▶ **General Instructions**

Signature of

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

### **Purpose of Form**

Sign

Here

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)

Date ▶

- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

- 1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  - 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- 4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- · An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

- 1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
  - 2. The treaty article addressing the income.
- 3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
- 4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
- 5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

### **Backup Withholding**

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

### Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

- 1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
- 2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
  - 3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
- 4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
- 5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships, earlier.

# What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

### **Updating Your Information**

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

### **Penalties**

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

# **Specific Instructions**

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note: ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

- b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.
- c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.
- d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.
- e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n)	THEN check the box for
Corporation	Corporation
Individual     Sole proprietorship, or     Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single- member LLC
LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
Partnership	Partnership
Trust/estate	Trust/estate

### Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5-A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8-A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10-A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12-A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D-A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G-A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I-A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J-A bank as defined in section 581

K-A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

#### Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

#### Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

### Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester,* later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

### Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

- 1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
- **3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- **4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account 1
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
Custodial account of a minor     (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax- exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

- <sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.
- <sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.
- <sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.
- <sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

\*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

### **Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN.
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to <code>phishing@irs.gov</code>. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at <code>spam@uce.gov</code> or report them at <code>www.ftc.gov/complaint</code>. You can contact the FTC at <code>www.ftc.gov/idtheft</code> or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see <code>www.ldentityTheft.gov</code> and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

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# **Vendor Form**



# CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1600 BATTLE CREEK ROAD | MORROW, GEORGIA 30260

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### **VENDOR INFORMATION FORM**

**Purpose of this Form:** The *Vendor Information Form* is used by the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) to add Vendors/Suppliers to its financial database system and add business designations when applicable.

<u>Important Note:</u> What name will appear on the Invoice? Invoice name shall be reflected on the *Vendor Information Form* and match the *W-9 Form*.

PURCHASING DATA			
NIGP CODE(s):		CCWA REQUESTING DEPARTME	NT CONTACT:
	VENDOR IN	FORMATION	
VENDOR NAME:			
PRINCIPAL CONTACT:		EMAIL ADDRESS:	PHONE NO.
MAILING AD	DRESS	REMIT TO AD	DRESS
Street		Street	
City		City	
State	Zip Code	State	Zip Code
	PAYMENT REMITTA	NCE INFORMATION	
PAYMENT TERMS:		PAYMENT TYPE:	
□ NET 30		□ PAPER CHECK	
		□ ACH PAYMENT (If selected, ACH Authorization Form	
will be e-r		will be e-mailed to the awarded	vendor).
BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION			
□ CCWA SLBE □ WBE	☐ MBE ☐ DBE	☐ Other SBE ☐ Vetera	in-Owned Business

# **BID PACKAGE LABEL**

Please affix the label below to the outside of your sealed envelope or package in order to route it to the proper location timely. Packages received after the specified date and time will be deemed non-responsive.



**DELIVER TO:** CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

1600 Battle Creek Road Morrow, GA 30260

Attention: PROCUREMENT



# **Annual Contract for Tree Removal Services**

BID ID No.: 2023-SW-24

Due Date and Time: Friday, January 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. local time

COMPANY NAME:		 	
Address:		 	
City, State, Zip:		 	
Utility Contractor No.	(If applicable):		

# **ADDENDA**